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Re:

Serial Number 09/872,852 entitled "HUMAN BETA-DEFENSIN-3 (hbd-2), A HIGHLY CATIONIC BETA-DEFENSIN ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDE" by

Paul B. McCray, Jr. et al. Our ref: IOWA:031US

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- 1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116;
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PATENT

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In re Application of:

Paul B. McCRAY, Jr. et al.

Serial No.: 09/872,852

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ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDE

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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